(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the extension of remand applies to post-chargesheet cases only and the saving in expenditure is not substantial as the cases for extension of remand are being decided at a venue located at some distance from the jails proper which makes it necessary to continue with the practice of providing armed escort.

(b) The two Metropolitan Magistrates have been holding their courts in the Tihar Jail Complex since 2nd June, 2003.

(c) and (d) It is a fact that if the cases of extension of remand during the pre-challan period also are decided within the Tihar Jail Complex it will ease the pressure on Delhi Armed Police though the savings in terms of expenditure may not be so substantial.

Responsibility to Deal with Naxalite menace

†1846. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given the responsibility to deal with naxalite violence in Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand to C.R.P.F.;

(b) if so, whether Government would also give freedom in work in addition to modern weapons and means of communication to C.R.P.F. for dealing with it; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) C.R.P.F. has been deployed in Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand to assist the State Police forces in dealing with the naxalite problem. The CRPF is adequately equipped with the modern weapons/communication equipments to tackle the situation.

Bureau of Criminal information system

1847. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as part of the National Crime Criminal Information

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